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SUBJ: BIODATA ON T.Q. IV-NOMINEE TATAW OBENSON

REF: YAOUNDE 2049, STATE 148597

### 1. TATAW OBENSON EDITOR-OWNER CAMEROON OUTLOOK ANGLOPHONE

WEEKLY FOUNDED 1968 WITH CIRCULATION 9,000. BORN 1930 IN MANFI, CAMEROON. MARRIED WITH FIVE CHILDREN. PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED 1963-1968 RADIO CAMEROON, 1960-1963 RADIO NIGERIA. RECEIVED DIPLOMA FROM SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM LAGOS, NIGERIA. HAS TRAVELLED WEST AND EAST AFRICA, BUT NEVER IN U.S. IS ANGLOPHONE WITH SOME FRENCH. ESCORT RECOMMENDED.

2. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: VISITS TO REPRESENTATIVE COMMUNITIES IN VARIOUS GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF U.S. FOR PURPOSE MEETING CITIZENS AND GETTING VIEWS ON UPCOMING ELECTIONS. OBENSON WILL BE INTERESTED IN FILING REPORTS ABOUT ELECTIONS BUT EMBASSY HAS ADVISED HIM INTERVIEWS WITH CANDIDATES UNLIKELY. HE SHOULD BE ABLE FORM IMPRESSIONS OF CANDIDATES HOWEVER FROM MEDIA COVERAGE.

3. OTHER PROGRAMMING SHOULD INCLUDE CONTACTS WITH BLACK AMERICAN LEADERS, INCLUDING LEADERS IN FIELDS OF PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS., CONTACTS WITH INDIAN LEADERS AND OBSERVATIONS OF INDIAN LIFE., AND OBSERVATION OF JOURNALISM EDUCATION.

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4. OBENSON HAS EXPRESSLY REQUESTED THAT PROGRAM  
INCLUDE VISITS TO: (A) OFFICES OF EBONY MAGAZINE  
(B) JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT INDIANA UNIVERISTY (C) BLACK  
COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH.

5. HAS ALSO EXPRESSLY REQUESTED OPPORTUNITY MEET AMERICAN  
ACQUAINTANCES: (1) PROFESSOR MARK DELANCY OF UNIVERSITY  
SOUTH CAROLINA AND (2) PROFESSOR RAY HIEBERT OF UNIVERSITY  
OF MARYLAND.

6. OBENSON WISHES COMPLETE TRAVEL BEFORE ELECTIONS AND  
ONSET COLD WEATHER.

7. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS INCLUSION OF HOME HOSPITALITY  
WHENEVER POSSIBLE.  
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